

## Polk County Observer

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The way to build up Dallas is to patronize Dallas people.



### AN EFFECTUAL LAW

If the new law for the collection of taxes is working as well in other counties as it is in Polk county, there will be no desire in any quarter for its repeal. Its provisions are just and equitable, and work a hardship on no one. The rebate plan is popular, and the heavy tax payers, almost without exception, as well as many of the smaller ones, avail themselves of its benefits. Sheriff Ford informs us that fully 75 per cent of the taxpayers pay within the time limit, in order to get the rebate, while only 25 per cent allow their taxes to become delinquent and pay the penalty and interest. The following figures show how the rebate plan has stimulated collections in the last two years:

In 1901, the amount of taxes collected on the 1900 roll up to July 1 was only \$45,796.87. Although this was considered by everyone to be diligent collecting, there was still a balance on the roll of over \$40,000, which had to be collected later in the year. On July 1, 1902, the collections on the 1901 roll amounted to \$87,200.66, or nearly double the amount collected up to the same day of the preceding year. On July 1, 1903, the collections on the 1902 roll had reached the enormous sum of \$90,960.92, leaving only \$16,000 to be collected.

The new tax law is an effective measure, and under its workings all the counties in the state find themselves in a more prosperous financial condition than ever before. The last Legislature acted wisely in making no material changes in its provisions.

In another column, County Treasurer E. V. Dalton issues a call for all unpaid Polk county warrants up to June 7, 1902. The county has been steadily gaining on its indebtedness for the last three years, and is now only 13 months behind in the payment of its warrants. The total indebtedness of the county July 1 was \$32,750. Five years ago the outstanding indebtedness was nearly \$100,000. Since that time a \$45,000 court house has been built and paid for; many new bridges have been built; others, including the big steel bridge at Salem, have been repaired, and more substantial road improvements have been made than ever before in a like period of time in the county's history. Notwithstanding all of this heavy expense, the old indebtedness has been steadily reduced, and in another year or two will be wiped out entirely. Polk county's finances are in good shape.

Frank C. Baker, formerly for eight years State Printer of Oregon, and prominent in political affairs of the state, was elected chairman of the Republican State Central Committee, to succeed W. F. Matthews, now U. S. Marshal for Oregon, who tendered his resignation July 1. The meeting of the state committee at Portland, for the purpose of filling the vacancy, was not largely attended, there being no contest. Mr. Baker is an ardent Republican, and his election meets the general approval of the party throughout the state.

Polk is the only county in Oregon in which every public school teacher employed takes a school journal. A worthy distinction.—Salem Statesman.

### General Debility

Day in and out there is that feeling of weakness that makes a burden of itself. Food does not strengthen. Sleep does not refresh. It is hard to do, hard to bear, what should be easy,—vitality is on the wane, and the whole system suffers. For this condition take

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## POLK COUNTY SCHOOLS

Prosperous Showing Made by Superintendent's Report.

C. L. Starr, School Superintendent of Polk County, filed his annual report for 1902-03 in the office of Superintendent of Public Instruction J. H. Ackerman, Friday.

The report shows several interesting details, some of the figures being as follows: The number of persons between the ages of 4 and 20 years residing in the county at the time of the report was 3408, a gain of 106 over last year. The number of pupils enrolled on the school registers is 2474, with 2772 for the year previous. The number of teachers employed during the year was 86, being 63 less than last year. The number of teachers holding institute attendance was 84, a gain of two over the previous report. Number of applicants examined for teachers' certificates during the year, 45, and the number being unsuccessful was 4. Every teacher employed in the county takes an educational journal. The number of persons not attending any school has decreased from 643 to 506. The average daily attendance decreased from 1754 to 1600, and the number of months taught from 83.3 to 7. The number of legal voters remains the same, 2200. There are 65 school houses in the district, none having been built during the year. During the year one county and five local institutes held. There are now 3481 library books on hand, 231 having been purchased during the year. Cash on hand, June 16, 1902, \$3451.76. Received during the year from all sources, \$43,201.02. The total disbursements, including \$27,175.65 was \$39,229.76. Total cash now on hand \$3971.26. The report for 1902 showed \$48,271.07 as having been received, and \$44,819.31 as the expenditures. The value of school houses and grounds is estimated at \$60,650, and of the furniture and apparatus, \$12,000, with \$30,200 insurance carried. The average monthly salary paid the teachers is increased \$2 on both males and females, being \$45 for males teachers, and \$35 for female teachers.

### TO BUILD DORMITORY

Oddfellows Will Spend \$4000 on Addition to Home.

Mrs. D. M. Metzger returned home this week from Portland, where she attended a meeting of the board of trustees of the Oddfellows' Home of which organization she is secretary. The board decided to build a dormitory, or annex, to the Home, near Kentworth, and it is expected that the contract will be let and work started on the new building by August 10. Sunday's Oregonian says: "The board of trustees, W. T. Williamson, chairman, held a meeting in this city in which all the members were present. It was then decided to advertise for bids for the erection of the buildings according to the plans that had been drawn up."

"The new building will more than double the capacity of the Home, and will provide 24 new rooms. The cost of the annex will be about \$4000, outside of the furnishings, which will likely be supplied by the Oddfellow and Rebekah lodges throughout the state. The present building was provided for and the rooms furnished in this way. Many of the lodges have already commenced getting together a fund for that purpose. It is hardly probable that the rooms in the annex will be furnished so elaborately as in the main building. There was a rivalry then as to which lodge should provide the handsomest furniture."

"The new annex will be an attractive structure. It will be two stories high with full basement. It has been planned for the comfort and convenience of the wards of the order."

### RESCUES DROWNING BOY.

Frank Rowell Pulls Fred Fisher Out of LaCreole Mud Dead Than Alive.

Fred Fisher, the 8-year-old son of C. L. Fisher, was almost drowned while swimming with a crowd of small boys in a mill pond above town, last Saturday afternoon. While running back and forth on the apron of the dam he lost his footing and slipped down the steep incline into the deep pool below. His young companions were unable to rescue him from his perilous position, but their lusty cries for help attracted the attention of Frank Rowell, who happened along on his way home, west of town. By this time the Fisher boy had sunk out of sight for the third time.

Mr. Rowell lost no time in reaching the point of the dam where the boy went to the bottom, dove head foremost into the water and brought the boy to the surface and then to the bank. The little fellow appeared to be lifeless, but prompt measures were taken to resuscitate him, and after rolling him around, standing him on his head and getting a couple of gallons of water out of him, he was taken home, none the worse for wear, apparently.

It is in decidedly good form for a boy to learn how to swim, especially in this state where there are so many streams, but when deep water is resorted to by small boys a grown person and a good swimmer should be one of the bathing party. Brave men like Frank Rowell do not happen around every time somebody's white-haired darling boy is flying the distress flag.

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## COURT HOUSE NOTES

### REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

U W Beeman et ux to W E Gilbert, lot 5, block 2, Leven's LaCreole Hd add to Dallas, \$700.

Hiram Woodbury to J A Soesby et al, 160 acres, t 8 s, r 8 w, \$1000.

Sarah and James Helmick et al to W N McLaughlin, 42 acres, t 9 s, r 4 w, \$500.

H S Montgomery et ux to Salem, Falls City & Western Ry Co tracts in Falls City \$170.50.

W C Brown to D F Wagner, 32.38 acres, t 7 s, r 3 w, \$35.

D F Wagner et ux to Carey F Martin, 32.38 acres, t 7 s, r 3 w, \$100.

W E Gilbert et ux to Oliver S Stump, lot 5, block 2, Leven's LaCreole Hd add to Dallas, \$700.

William Chapman et ux to J S Fuller, 5 acres, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$500.

Dallas City Bank to Matilda Seth, lot 4, block 19, Ellis' add to Dallas, \$70.

E Murdock et ux to Matilda Seth, lot 5, block 19, Ellis' add to Dallas, \$80.

J S Combs et ux to E A Babcock, 169.10 acres, t 6 s, r 4 w, \$1600.

W N McLaughlin et ux to W P Bevins, 20 acres, t 9 s, r 4 w, \$600.

George Buckner to Willard Bernard, lot 4 block 4, Burley Fruit Farms, \$675.

H A Thomas et ux to Lachele & Elbert, 9 acres, t 7 s, r 3 w, \$450.

Keller & Nohrbas to Luckiamute Flouring Mills, tracts in t 9 s, r 5 w, and flouring mill \$10,000.

Ed VanPelt et ux to W H Moyer 17.433 square feet, t 8 s, r 5 w, \$80.

J M Wise et ux to D L Key, 82.67 acres, t 6 s, r 5 w, \$1900.

Scott Leavitt to Hazel J Courter lot 6, block K, Falls City, \$35.

### PROBATE.

Estate of R L Skinner, deceased—sale of real estate confirmed.

Guardianship of Viva L. Courter, a minor—petition for sale of real estate at private sale set for hearing Monday, August 17.

Estate of John Ellis, deceased—inventory and appraisement filed and approved; exempt personal property set aside to widow.

Guardianship of R L Willis and Katherine Willis, minors—petition for sale of real estate filed; ordered that citation issue, returnable August 22, 1903, at 10 o'clock a. m.

### SKULL WAS CRUSHED

Joseph Guthrie the Victim of a Terrible Accident at Falls City.

Joseph Guthrie met with an accident Wednesday afternoon that will probably cost him his life. He was helping to operate the carriage in the Watkins mill, near Falls City, and was working between two large logs on the deck, alongside the carriage, when the sawyer pulled the lever that operates the log-moving machinery, and the two logs were brought together with terrific force and in such a way as to catch young Guthrie between them and crush his skull. When the logs began to move, he started to run, and probably would have escaped unhurt, had he not fallen into a hole in the deck from which he could not extricate himself. He was conscious when taken from beneath the logs, but was jammed and bruised about the head and shoulders. Dr. McCallon was summoned from Dallas, and has been with him almost constantly for the past 36 hours. The injuries are of a very serious nature, and it is not believed that he can possibly recover. He is a son of D. M. Guthrie, and is about 30 years of age.

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## ALL OFFICERS RE-ELECTED

Dallas City Bank Declares Semi-Annual Dividend of Five Per Cent.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Dallas City Bank was held in the Bank parlors, Saturday afternoon. The old officers were all re-elected, as follows: R. C. Craven, president; R. E. Williams, cashier; W. G. Vassall, assistant cashier. Joseph Craven is retained as bookkeeper. A 5 per cent semi-annual dividend was declared. The business of the bank is in a most satisfactory condition.

During the year just past, the bank has been provided with new furniture and fixtures throughout, and is one of the neatest institutions of the kind in Oregon. R. E. Williams, the cashier, has been connected with the bank for the last fourteen years, and from a small beginning has seen its business grow until it is now conceded by every one to be one of the most solid financial institutions in the state. The semi-annual dividend of 5 per cent is of significance in two ways—in the first place it is gilt edge assurance that the Dallas City Bank is managed by very capable men and in the second place it proves that the people in and near Dallas are prosperous to a marked degree. Under such circumstances the directors are to be congratulated upon their action, last Saturday, when they voted in favor of retaining for another year the services of the old officers.

## WINS FAME AS ARCHITECT.

Edward T. Foulkes Home Before Starting on Two Years of Travel.

Edward T. Foulkes, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Foulkes, of 821 First street, returned to Portland Saturday for a short visit. Mr. Foulkes is a graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and was recently awarded the Rottschilling traveling scholarship as the result of the architectural competitions held in Boston. This scholarship grants him annually \$1,000 for two years to be expended in foreign travel and study. Since his graduation from the Portland High School Mr. Foulkes has taken up the study of architecture with marked success and ability, and the winning of the Rottschilling scholarship is a coveted honor in his profession. Recently he has been employed in the offices of Carrere & Hastings, the well known New York architects.

Mr. Foulkes will commence his studies in Europe about September 1, and he plans to go from Portland by way of China, Japan and India. He will spend the winters in Paris and the summers in Italy.—Oregonian.

Mr. Foulkes is a nephew of Morris Jones, of this city, and spent his boyhood days at Oakdale and Monmouth, in Polk county.

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